(c) if so, the guidelines and specific directions from his Ministry to DCGI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) to (c) Applications for permission for Clinical Trials, Bio-equivalence studies and marketing of new drugs are examined by the New Drug Division in the office of DCG(I). The requirement for granting such approvals are specified in Rules 122A, 122B, 122C, 122D, and 122E and Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. The evaluation of new drug/clinical trial is a complex process and varies according to the nature of molecule/drug, published data and information furnished by applicants. Permissions are granted after taking into account the technical requirements and not on discretion.

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*285. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Government to revert part of the Kandla Port limit which was earlier part of Salaya minor port for the development of an oil terminal for Essar Refinery and other private sector refineries that may come up in future;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accept the request; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL) : (a) to (c) Government of Gujarat, from time to time, has been requesting to revert Vadinar, which was earlier part of minor port of Salaya, by de-linking it from Kandla Port limit. Vadinar was included in the limit of Kandla Port after Government of Gujarat issued notification deleting it from the limit of minor port of Salaya, while the Government of India issued notification for its inclusion in the limit of Kandla major port. The off-shore terminal developed at Vadinar presently caters to the requirement of Koyali, Mathura and Panipat refineries. In addition, Kandla Port Trust has entered into an agreement for development of port facilities at Vadinar for Essar refinery. The request of Government of Gujarat has, therefore, not been acceded to by Government of India.